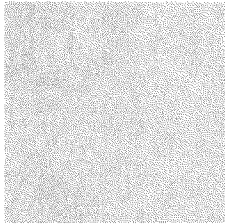


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Dear Administrator McGrath,

I believe the BOYD group could be of significant help to EPA Region 8 (and perhaps other regions with a significant legacy of historic mines) in providing specific technical advice to avoid a repeat of the "Gold King" blow-out debacle. While we are global technical consultants (see attached), we are a highly focused group of very senior engineers, geologists, and environmental scientists with, in each instance, decades of hands-on operating experience. Indeed, having personally managed the Sunnyside mine for many years, and being intimately familiar with the hydrologic regime, as well as the critical elements of practical mining engineering, I believe that the BOYD group could be a useful addition to the Region 8 team to complement its skills and to avoid situations such as the Gold King incident.

While I expect that you are exceedingly busy at this moment with both routine and pressing matters, I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you personally to discuss our credentials further. We, of course, recognize the requirements under OAM, but believe we are exceptionally well qualified because of both my personal familiarity with the issues, and our team of very senior specialists. Accordingly, would it be possible to arrange a meeting? Please advise.

Best,

GBS

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